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Application No.: 10/824,537 ) Group Art Unit: 2812  
Filed: April 15, 2004 ) ) Examiner: Unknown  
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-SB-08. Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. This IDS supplements the IDSs filed on April 15 and September 15, 2004.

Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or full translation of the non-English documents, Applicants enclose a copy of a Decision of Rejection issued by the Japanese Patent Office in

counterpart Japanese application No. 11-183908, citing and setting forth the relevance of the non-English documents. An English language translation of the Decision of Rejection is also enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists, and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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